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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SULTAN QABUS TO US AND ID AL ADHA

MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

REF: STATE 279672; MUSCAT 890, 892

1. WE DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S ID AL ADHA MESSAGE FOR SULTAN AND SECRETARY'S MESSAGE FOR FONMIN ZAWAWI TO ZAWAWI DECEMBER 21.

2. ON VISIT, ZAWAWI SAYS SULTAN WOULD PREFER ARRIVAL JANUARY 9. AIRCRAFT FLYING TIME ESTIMATED 8 HOURS AND 10 MINUTES. TIME DIFFERENCE 5 HOURS, THUS SULTAN AND PARTY WOULD HAVE TO DEPART VERY EARLY THAT MORNING (ABOUT 0645) TO MAKE 1030 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. THEY REQUEST LATER MEETING, IF POSSIBLE IN AFTERNOON, BOTH TO MAKE MEETING LESS HURRIED AND TRIP MORE COMFORTABLE FOR SULTAN.

3. ZAWAWI CATEGORICALLY TURNED DOWN JANUARY 7 (OR JANUARY 8) ARRIVAL. SULTAN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FIRST DAY AND FOLLOW THAT WITH OTHER MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES JANUARY 9 AND 10. HE HOPES FOR MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED (SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE, DIRECTOR OF CIA) PLUS ANY OTHERS DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ARRANGE. WILL BE HAPPY TO LEAVE JANUARY 11 FREE. PARTY PLANS TO DEPART THAT EVENING FOR EARLY MORNING ARRIVAL LONDON JANUARY 12.

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4. ZAWAWI REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THAT SULTAN'S VISIT IS
CONSIDERED "OFFICIAL" (NOT STATE OR PRIVATE).

5. PARTY WILL NUMBER 12 OR 14, OF WHOM 3 OR 5 WILL BE
SERVANTS. WILL CABLE LIST MONDAY.

6. WE PASSED OTHER INFO CONTAINED STATE REFTEL.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: REPLIES TO ZAWAWI REQUESTS PARAS.
2 AND 4 BY MONDAY DECEMBER 23. (SULTAN PLANS TRAVEL
AROUND EUROPE - NOT OMAN - PRIOR TO US VISIT AND ZAWAWI
WILL BE HARD TO CONTACT DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD BEGINNING
DECEMBER 24). PLEASE SEND REPLY IMMEDIATE.

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